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It is said, in connection with the resignation of Gen. Huertes, Minister of War in Panama, that the army will not be disbanded. But what in the world does Panama want with an army?

If the election could have been put off to the end of the compulsory tax-paying limit, it is a sure thing that more attention would have been paid to the Tribune's exposure of mismanagement and graft in the administration of the affairs of this county.

"Remember the schools, to keep them non-partisan," says the church organ. To which we beg to offer an amended wording, "Remember the schools, to make them non-partisan." But little difference, is there? Yet in that small difference lies the whole case.

Speaking of election injustice, the New York World says: "There is probably no other electorate in the United States whose vote is proportionately so clean of fraud and colonization as that of New York City." Well, wouldn't that jar you? The next thing we hear ought now to be an argument on the merits of hell as a powder-house.

A committee of Congressmen, with their wives, their friends, and their attendants, is on the way to Panama on the transport Sumner. They go "for the purpose of acquiring information as a basis for legislation," and incidentally to escape the rigors of a hard northern winter. Probably the Sumner can as well be spared as not, and it is always good for Congressmen to enlarge their views by personal observation. But whatever legislation be passed for Panama will not be proposed by these excursionists.

There was at the beginning of this year, a railway mileage of 267,604 main tracks in this country. And yet the great through ocean-to-ocean line, on the best grades and levels, to afford a continuous trackage across the country, under one management of construction and administration, is yet to be put in. Last year 4596 miles were added to the previous aggregate, of which 1804 miles were laid in the Southwest. The present year will be noted as showing the greatest construction in the mountain and coast regions.

We are glad to see that the Commercial Club's committee on manufacture and new industries endorses the Salt Lake County Horticultural Society's proposition for a fruit canning plant in this vicinity, to take up the surplus offerings of the market, thus keeping prices steady, stopping much waste, and encouraging the fruit-growers to materially increase their operations. This is a plant that is badly needed here, and which would be a great incentive to the enlargement of the fruit-growing industry. We should be delighted to see the plant put in.

One of the most extraordinary features of the election is developed by the official canvass; that some of the election judges did not tally the scratched tickets. Inasmuch as the American ballots could all be classed as scratched tickets, it may never be known how many votes were lost to that party by this failure. It is a clear injustice, but there is probably no way to correct it now, especially under the circumstances. Still, it is most extraordinary that men intelligent enough to be judges of election should not be intelligent enough to know that they must count and tally all legal votes that are polled.

Congress, it appears, does not keep up with all the increasing demands of the navy, liberal as it is with regard to the building of new ships. It does not provide men enough to man them. When the vessels now building are completed a force of 62,258 enlisted men will be required to man them, and 2087 officers. But while there will be plenty of officers by reason of the enlargement of the naval school at Annapolis, the present law allows no more than 20,000 enlisted men for the navy. One of the most urgent measures be-

fore Congress in the near future will be an act to allow the increase of enlisted men in the navy as need calls for them.

THE SAN PEDRO CELEBRATION.

We notice that the Commercial Club of this city is in somewhat of a quandary about the arrangements for a celebration of the opening of the Salt Lake route to Los Angeles and San Pedro. No definite plans have been concerted with the Commercial Club of Los Angeles, and the officials of the road have not thus far shown any disposition to take the Commercial Club of this city into their confidence in the matter of any celebration of the completion of the track-laying.

No doubt there will be ceremonies, probably at the "front" in connection with the driving of the last spike, and an excursion from here to Los Angeles and from Los Angeles hither, is taken for granted. As to the Los Angeles features of that excursion, we note this in the Los Angeles Herald:

A unique feature is planned for the forthcoming celebration of the opening of the Salt Lake railway. All surviving members of the California argonauts—those who came to this section in the early days in "prairie schooners"—will be invited to make a free excursion to Salt Lake. This is a part of the opening programme as reported from San Bernardino. There are but few argonauts left, however, and the most of them probably are too infirm to accept the invitation. But it will be a striking illustration of the wonders that have been wrought in California within the span of half a century.

We might match that with a proposition to send to Los Angeles the surviving members of the Mormon battalion, together with such surviving "49ers" as are now in Utah.

But the important thing is to have a celebration, or two celebrations, one in each city, worthy of the great occasion. To that end we trust that a complete understanding may be arrived at all around; with the railroad officials and with Los Angeles, and that this understanding may be arrived at in time to allow of everything decided on being done thoroughly and in good order.

FIGHTING A BOGY.

They seem to have conducted a campaign in the South on the basis that President Roosevelt has a war policy on which is perilous to the country, and that he is able to be "the whole thing," in spite of Congress and the Supreme Court. Thus, the Dallas News sizes things up after election in this fashion:

President Roosevelt is a man who has not hesitated to change his course when it became necessary to do so. It is barely possible that he may not find himself able or even willing to continue his war-like policy, and that commercial necessity may in due time compel even the tariff favorites themselves to clamor for revision as a means of self-defense. No one man in this wonderful age can order the course of events very long. Times change, and even the headiest of men must change with them. "Times, conditions and necessities will have most to do in correcting the inequality and injustice now existing, in spite of the avowal and intention of the President to persist in his present course.

Evidently the South has been fighting a bogy. There is no such condition of public affairs in this country as that assumed by the Dallas News, nor anything in any way approaching it. There has been no war policy, no "one-man power," no "headiest of men," no "inequality and injustice," save only the injustice to the North of the white men in the South having representation in Congress that they deprive the blacks of. If the blacks are not entitled to be political factors, and must be eliminated as such, why then eliminate them. But don't steal the representation which in law and in reason no longer exists when the units upon which it is based have been destroyed. Cut out the negro if you must, but if you do cut him out of politics, let him stay out; don't cut him out for one purpose and keep him in for another. Don't deprive him of his vote, and then claim that vote for yourselves.

And above all, don't fight bogies. Get down to facts, and be manly enough enough to recognize things as they are. It is puerile to go on setting up men of straw continually, merely for the purpose of kicking them over. And let something besides insane prejudice and silly pretense govern your words and acts.

THE MOQUI SNAKE DANCE.

Tourists and people generally who love the ancient things and the curious autochthonous survivals of ceremonies among primitive races, will not be charmed to hear that Indian Commissioner Jones is trying to break up the custom of the Moqui Indians in holding their annual snake dance. We trust most sincerely that he and not the Moquis may be stopped.

We believe that the sweeping away of the customs, ceremonies, and traditional observances of the various Indian tribes of the country has had more to do with the demoralization of the Indian character than any other one thing. With the prevention of the rites upon which the Indian character for staunchness, courage, and other attributes of manhood were founded, that manhood itself passed away, and we have a mass of dirty mendicants instead of a cleanly, self-respecting people, having rights and maintaining them.

There has never been a treaty made with Indians that has been either respected by the whites or enforced by our Government. There has never been the slightest regard paid to the Indians' love of privacy for his ceremonies, but on the contrary, these ceremonies have been ruthlessly intruded upon and broken up, with the consequence that the moral and many sentiments of the red men went into eclipse.

The sun dance of the Sioux, the rice

feast of the Chippewas, the mystic rites of the Coast tribes, have all been broken up, and what remains of the Indians? But a feeble glimmer of the former manly attributes of the red men, that were preserved by the self-sacrificing labors of a few high-souled missionaries, who did their work before the white irruption could destroy the old morale without putting anything in its place, now remains.

This move to destroy the snake dance of the Moquis will, if successful, put those Indians on the same level as the degraded offspring of other tribes whose standards have been destroyed, and they will become the pity of the world for the few brief years that the remnant of them will remain upon the earth. If this is the object of the Commissioner, (and the constant effect of the dealings of our officials with the Indians has been to destroy and not uplift them,) then the policy of forbidding the snake dance should prevail. But if the purpose is to help the Indians, such prevention would be a sad mistake.

A FRUITFUL SUGGESTION.

There is a suggestion in Governor Wells' Thanksgiving proclamation that would bear fruitful if not spectacular results if carried out. We refer to that paragraph which reads: "In forgetting the possible acrimony and animosities of everyday life, and substituting therefor on this one occasion, at least, a feeling of generous charity toward our fellow-men, we shall the more acceptably approach the throne of divine grace, and have the greater assurance that our petitions for continued happiness and prosperity will meet with the approbation of Omnipotence."

A good and kindly sentiment. But how can it be carried out? Which shall issue the invitation to the other to the festive Thanksgiving board, President Joseph F. Smith or Charles Mottlyn Owen? Shall Apostle Reed Smoot or Frank J. Cannon be the first to extend the invitation to good cheer? Shall the editor of the News and the editor of the Tribune make their strife only as to which for that occasion shall serve the other with the cut of the bird that he best loves? Shall Chairman Spry invite the reporter who reported him as saying that he would capture two Mormon Democrats for every Gentle Republican he would lose, or shall the reporter invite him? Or, shall the most cherished enemies pair off generally, and draw cuts to see which shall take the lead in carrying out the Governor's suggestion?

It is a fruitful theme, and no doubt the pairs could be arranged most beautifully by any one having a thorough knowledge of the feuds and enmities as they exist among the various inhabitants of Utah. It would not be a lying down together of the lion and the lamb, but a spectacle that would throw that old-time suggestion altogether in the shade. On reflection, we believe that the one who should go to the various parties and propose the conciliation would be the worst used up man in town.

EASY ON ARBITRATION!

The Hon. John W. Foster, once for a brief period Secretary of State, and now chairman of the International Arbitration Committee, is endeavoring to arrange with influential citizens all over this country, for mass meetings in support of the arbitration proposition. It will no doubt be easy to get up such meetings, but there should be extreme reserve about endorsing any proposition to commit this country unreservedly to the proposition of general arbitration, for that would not be healthy for the United States.

In case of a dispute that we might have with Russia, for instance, on some sealing difficulty, or trade contention, where could we refer the question with any hope of getting a fair deal? To The Hague tribunal, will be the natural reply. But when that is done, there still arises the composition of the court before which our case would be heard. Should a German politician or public man hear our case, he would rather conform to the German sentiment of hostility to America on account of trade and other prejudices, than to the merits of our contentions; and then, Russia is a near neighbor, there would be more for Germany in a decision in favor of Russia than in one in favor of the United States. The same would be true of a Frenchman, an Austrian, or a man of any other nationality in Europe, with the sole exception of Great Britain, and the British would be as certainly prejudiced against Russia as the other nationalities would be against the United States, and thus objectionable to Russia.

Arbitration on any matter of serious concern to this country, in which we alone are interested on one side and some European country would be interested on the other, would almost inevitably be decided against us, just as the pelagic sealing dispute with Canada was, most outrageously, decided against us.

It is true that we cannot expect to win every dispute that we may have; we should not expect to have the court always with us; and that our National effort should always be for peace. But on the other hand, it is not too much to ask that our claims should have fair consideration; that the court should not be packed against us; and that the preparations of other powers for war should not be allowed to bluff us out of our rights.

Mrs. Glendon Schwab, aged 83, of Mossview, Pennsylvania, is reported to have had thirteen teeth extracted at one sitting, without a groan. Probably they were all on one plate, and it didn't hurt.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

Olive Thorne Miller, the well-known author, after diving for twenty-five years in Brooklyn, has gone to live in southern California, where, with a friend, she has taken a bungalow.

Ted—Would you marry a girl who was worth her weight in gold?
Ned—That would depend on how fat she was.—Town Topics.

Prof. Ladd, instructor in psychology at Yale, while lecturing before the members of the senior class a short time ago, unconsciously "gave himself away" in this fashion: "Now, let me illustrate that point. One day a celebrated psychologist, a world-renowned psychologist, I might say, was walking down street when I met a little girl, and said to her: 'What the professor said was drowned in the outburst of laughter from the students.'

The congress of naturalists and physicalists, which recently met in Breslau, strongly condemned the "goose-step" as practiced in the German and some other armies. Dr. Thalwitzer read a paper on the subject in which he showed that the adoption of this ridiculous step accounts for numerous knee and foot complaints among the troops. Sixty per cent of the sores on the feet of the men are in consequence of persistent adherence to this antiquated step.

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